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TWO MEN FROM LUKACHUKAI INDICTED FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER

PHOENIX, ARIZONA – U.S. Attorney José de Jesus Rivera, Guadalupe Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Dorothy L. Fulton, Chief of Criminal Investigations, Navajo Department of Law Enforcement, announce that MICHAEL NAKAI, 19, and LEWIS YAZZIE, 21, both of Lukachukai, Arizona, were indicted by a federal grand jury, on one count of First Degree Murder and Aiding and Abetting.

NAKAI and YAZZIE are accused of killing Frank Brady on November 12, 1999, on the Navajo Indian Reservation. The victim's body was recovered from a shallow grave, in Tsaile, Arizona, on December 14, 1999, by officers from the Navajo Department of Public Safety. The defendants were arrested on January 5, 2000, on a criminal complaint, and are currently in federal custody.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and an individual's guilt is established only upon conviction.

The investigation in these cases was conducted by the Navajo Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution is being handled by the United States Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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